MISSION

WeComm, Ltd. is building voice and data communication networks to enhance the communications capability of ARES©/RACES groups in Wisconsin which provide critical communications to:

- Wisconsin Emergency Management
- County and Municipal Emergency Management Agencies
- Police & Fire Departments
- National Weather Service
- Hospitals
- Department of Health Services
- Local Public Health Departments
- Department of Natural Resources
- American Red Cross
- The Salvation Army
- Other Public and Private Organizations

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WeComm's primary purpose is the construction and maintenance of Wisconsin statewide Amateur Radio voice and digital wireless communication networks, to support and facilitate emergency, disaster, and public service related communications.

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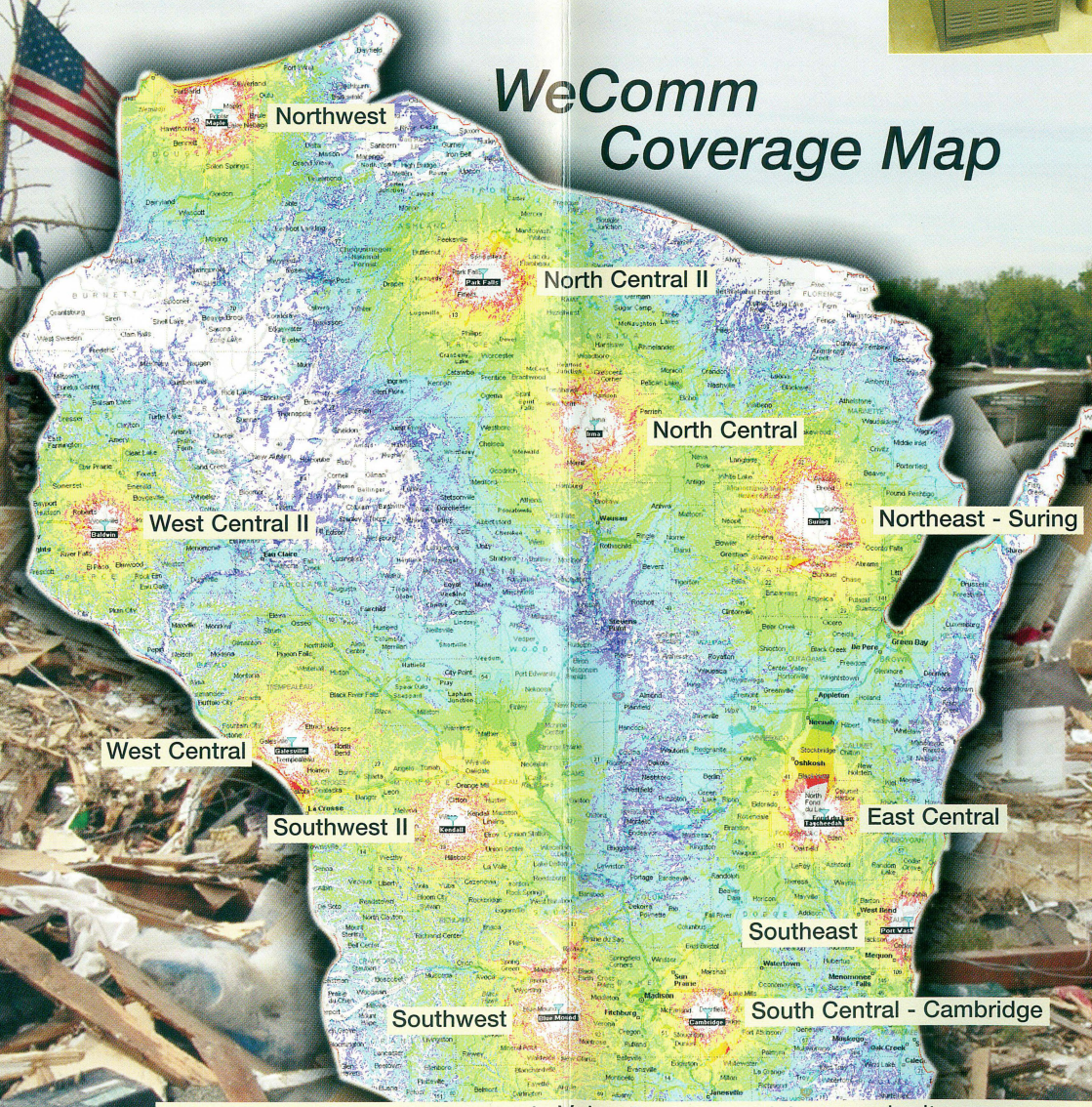
WeComm's voice network is being constructed using new, commercial grade repeater equipment. The repeaters will be networked via the Internet using Raytheon JPS ARA-1 interface units. This enables the network to be operated as one unified repeater network, or as individual repeaters when necessary to meet local communication requirements. The Suring Repeater equipment is shown at the right...

WeComm Coverage Map



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WeComm & ARES©/RACES

WeComm, Ltd., incorporated in 2005, is building a statewide network of Amateur Radio repeaters. Repeaters increase the range of low-powered Amateur Radio stations, enabling reliable communications over greater distances.

A major feature of the WeComm repeater network is the flexibility to connect individual repeaters into a statewide configuration, or to disconnect them to serve smaller areas or districts meeting specific needs. The first WeComm repeater, in Cambridge, Wisconsin, came on line in October 2007. WeComm's Suring, Wisconsin, repeater was activated in May 2008. The remaining repeaters will be built and activated over the next few years. WeComm's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) call sign is WE9COM.

Wisconsin ARES©/RACES is the primary user of the network for disaster, emergency and public service communications support. When not needed by ARES©/RACES the network is open and available for general Amateur Radio communications.

ARES©/RACES stands for Amateur Radio Emergency Service/ Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service. ARES© is sanctioned by the American Radio Relay League, a national advocacy group supporting amateur radio and promoting professionalism in Amateur Radio operations. Wisconsin RACES is sanctioned by Wisconsin Emergency Management under the auspices of the Federal Emergency Management Administration.

Wisconsin ARES©/RACES operates in a joined association and has response teams in nearly all of Wisconsin's counties. These response teams are activated when required.

ARES©/RACES teams are frequently asked to assist with response and recovery communications after tornadoes damage communities. Before the storm, ARES©/RACES teams provide weather spotting and report local conditions to the National Weather Service. Frequently, storm warnings are issued based on a combination of radar images and on-the-ground reports by trained ARES©/RACES members.

Other communication services provided by ARES©/RACES teams include: linking local, regional and state emergency management, hospitals and department of health agencies, the American Red Cross and any other public or private agency or organization which needs to get communications from one point to another.

ARES©/RACES groups also frequently provide free communications support for parades, marathons, bike races and tours, and many other civic events. This has a dual function of serving the public while providing important training to ARES©/RACES teams.

All WeComm, Ltd. and ARES©/RACES personnel are volunteers giving their time and resources to help their communities, state and the nation. Thank you for supporting our volunteerism.

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